

# Interleukin-13, rat recombinant (rrIL-13)

Catalog No: 87343 Lot No: XXXXX Source: E. coli

**Synonyms:** NC300, ALRH, BHR1, P600, IL-13

#### **Background**

IL13 is an immunoregulatory cytokine produced primarily by activated Th2 cells. IL-13 is involved in several stages of B-cell maturation and differentiation. It up-regulates CD23 and MHC class II expression, and promotes IgE isotype switching of B cells. This cytokine down-regulates macrophage activity, thereby inhibits the production of pro-inflammatory cytokines and chemokines. This cytokine is found to be critical to the pathogenesis of allergen-induced asthma but operates through mechanisms independent of IgE and eosinophils. This gene, IL3, IL5, IL4, and CSF2 form a cytokine gene cluster on chromosome 5q, with this gene particularly close to IL4.

# Description

Interleukin-13 rat recombinant produced in *E. coli* is a single, non-glycosylated polypeptide chain containing 113 amino acids and having a molecular mass of 12.7 kDa. IL-13 is purified by proprietary chromatographic techniques.

#### **Physical Appearance**

Sterile filtered white lyophilized (freeze-dried) powder.

### **Formulation**

The protein (1 mg/ml) was lyophilized with no additives.

## Solubility

It is recommended to reconstitute the lyophilized Interleukin-13 in sterile 18 M $\Omega$ -cm H $_2$ O not less than 100  $\mu$ g/ml, which can then be further diluted to other aqueous solutions.

## Stability

Lyophilized Interleukin-13, although stable at room temperature for 3 weeks, should be stored desiccated below -18°C. Upon reconstitution IL-13 should be stored at 4°C between 2-7 days and for future use below -18°C. For long term storage it is recommended to add a carrier protein (0.1% HSA or BSA). Please prevent freeze-thaw cycles.

# **Purity**

Greater than 95% as determined by SDS-PAGE.

# Activity

ED50 range is 2-6 ng/ml as determined by the dose dependent proliferation of human TF-1 cells. Optimal concentration for individual application should be determined by a dose response assay.

#### Usage

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